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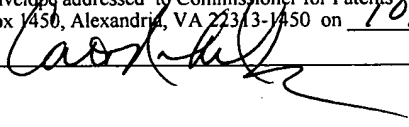


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR: : Robert L. Diaz  
INVENTION: : INTRA-OPERATIVE PROCEDURE FOR  
POST-OPERATIVE PAIN CONTROL  
SERIAL NUMBER: : 10/776,455  
FILING DATE: : February 10, 2004  
GROUP ART UNIT: : 1614  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: : 2385.010



**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE**  
**(37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) AND MPEP §708.02 IV)**

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)  
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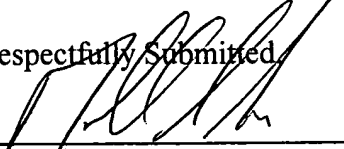
Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petitions to make this application special because  
Applicant, Robert L. Diaz, is at least 64 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is an Affidavit by the Applicant  
averring to the statement of age.

No fee is required with this petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c).

Date: 9/30/05

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

I, Robert L. Diaz swear and attest that I am a co-inventor of the invention described in U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/776,455, entitled INTRA-OPERATIVE PROCEDURE FOR POST-OPERATIVE PAIN CONTROL, filed on February 10, 2004, and that I am over the age of sixty-four (64).

I am submitting this affidavit in order that the patent application may be made special by the Commissioner for Patents.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 9/30, 2005

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